

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GEORGE HENRY SHARP

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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

AND NOW, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014, upon due consideration of the government's objections to the supplemental addendum to the presentence report, IT IS ORDERED that [42] the government's objection be, and the same hereby is, overruled.

The court recognizes that it has the discretion to withhold the acceptance of responsibility adjustment pursuant to the obstruction of justice enhancement under Chapter Three of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the application notes thereto. Nevertheless, defendant's absconding between the entry of his guilty plea and sentencing did not hinder or obstruct in any manner the truth-finding-process with regard to any fact measuring or otherwise contributing to defendant's level of culpability; nor did defendant act with the intent to hinder or obscure inquiry or investigation into any such fact. Defendant did enter a guilty plea in a timely manner, thereby acknowledging his criminal conduct and he has not sought to withdraw that plea or alter or change any of the facts admitted during that process that drive the guidelines sentencing calculations. Given these circumstances, the court will uphold the probation office's election to maintain the adjustment for an acceptance of responsibility.

s/ David Stewart Cercone  
David Stewart Cercone  
United States District Judge

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